

United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office 220 East Market Street Meeker, CO 81641



FIRE PREVENTION ORDER Order Number 12-03

This Fire Prevention Order rescinds Fire Prevention Order Number 12-02 (imposing Stage 2 Restrictions), dated June 22, 2012, and establishes Stage 1 Restrictions, as described below.

Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management public lands administered by the White River Field Office within the Colorado counties of Garfield, and Rio Blanco, until further notice:

Stage 1 Restriction:

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited on the above described public lands to:

Perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order which includes:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, any type of charcoal fueled broileror open fire of any type in undeveloped areas. This includes fires in stone fire rings, fire pans, and charcoal grills.
- 2. Possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent useof fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and use on public lands as identified above.
- 3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.
- 4. Using explosive material (i.e., fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material).
- 5. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other similar torch with an open flame.
- 6. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and 1350 (a).

Actions Permitted:

- 1. Fires in constructed, permanently installed fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites
- 2. Mechanical stoves and appliances fueled by bottled or liquid gas which allow the operator to control or extinguish the flame with a valve are permitted provided that such devices are approved by Underwriters Laboratory Inc.

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR Section 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit or letter of authorization specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission
- 2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Title 43 CFR Section 9212.4 Penalties

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations of Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1 shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the trespasser.

This order will be in effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 27, 2012 and will remain in effect from the date signed until rescinded.

Prepared in Meeker, Colorado, this 26th day of July, 2012.

Kent E. Walter

Field Manager

Date: July 27, 2012

Applicable authorities provided under Title 16 USC, Section 551 and under 43 CFR 9212, 9212.3, and 9212.4 Violation of this prohibition is punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both.